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1-38. (CANCELED)

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for machining a metallic workpiece, being one of strip or plate form and having first and second opposed main surfaces, for at least one of removing an oxide layer from a surface, grinding a surface or an edge and treating or deburring a surface or edge of at least one of the first and the second main surfaces of the workpiece,

wherein the apparatus comprises at least first, second, third and fourth conveyor devices (2, 2, 2, 2) and each of the first, the second, the third and the fourth conveyor devices (2, 2, 2, 2) has at least one brush (3), each of at least the first, the second, the third and the fourth conveyor devices (2, 2, 2, 2) guides the respective at least one brush (3) at least approximately linearly past a region of the workpiece (1) to be machined one of obliquely or more transversely with respect to an advance direction of the workpiece (1), two of the conveyor devices (2,2) rotate in opposite directions and are positioned for treating the first main surface of the workpiece (1), the two other conveyor devices (2,2) rotate in opposite directions and are positioned for treating the second main surface of the workpiece (1), and the first, second, third and the fourth conveyor devices (2, 2) rotate so as to guide the brushes (3) along an entirety of a length available for the workpiece to pass through the first and second main surfaces of the workpiece.

40. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein at least the first, the second, the third and the fourth conveyor devices (2) are arranged in a standing position, so that the at least one brush (3) of each of at least the first, the second, the third and the fourth conveyor devices (2) runs one of substantially vertically along the workpiece (1) in the standing position, or in a lying position, so that the at least one brush (3) runs substantially horizontally along the workpiece (1) in [a] the lying position.

41. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the workpiece (1) is guided between the first and the second conveyor devices (2) such that each of the first and the second conveyor devices (2) machine one of the first and the second main surfaces (1c) of the workpiece (1).

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